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## SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

Cancel claims 1 to 3 and add the following claims.

A compound selected from the group consisting of a --23. compound of the formula

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> wherein  $R_1$  is lower alkyl,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$  and  $R_5$  are individually selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen and -OSO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>10</sub>, R<sub>6</sub> is